(a) the amount released under Modernisation of Police Force (MPF) to Gujarat during the last seven years;

(b) whether it is a fact that allocation under MPF to Gujarat has been reduced;

(c) whether Government is sensitive to the strengthening of security in the border State of Gujarat; and

(d) if so, whether the Centre proposes to reconsider its decision and sanction adequate funds for MPF in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Year-wise details of Central funds released to Gujarat under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Force (MPF Scheme), during the last seven years 2001 -02 to 2007-08 are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Amount released
2001-02	30.00
2002-03	50.00
2003-04	42.21
2004-05	39.54
2005-06	39.84
2006-07	45.52
2007-08	51.90
TOTAL:	319.01

(b) to (d) To supplement the efforts of the State Governments in modernizing their police forces, the Central Government has been implementing a Non-plan Scheme namely the "Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces" (MPF Scheme). Central assistance to the States is determined keeping in view, *inter-alia,* the demands and security scenario in other States, utilization of funds by the concerned State and overall availability of funds under the Schemes as perlfie allocations received from the Ministry of Finance.

Fire in slums in Delhi

2544. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number'of cases in Delhi where dwelling units in slum areas was gutted during 2007 and so far during 2008;

(b) the number of persons who lost their lives, seriously injured and the dwelling units destroyed in each case separately;

(c) the compensation, if any, paid for those killed, seriously injured and the dwellings destroyed in each case, category-wise; and

(d) the steps taken for the rehabilitation of those rendered homeless as a result of there fires, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

People trafficked across India's porous borders

2545. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people trafficked across India's porous borders during the last three years, country-wise;

(b) what steps Government has taken to prevent and combat trafficking of not only girls who are forced into prostitutions but children also who are being trafficked to work as camel jockeys, forced labour, domestic servants and for organ transplantation;

(c) whether Government has made any efforts to rescue and repatriation of victims; and

(d) if so, the number thereof, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (d) Such information is not being maintained centrally.

(b) and (c) The Union Government is taking several measures, in concert with the State Government for prevention and control of the crime of trafficking as well as measures for rehabilitation of victims. However, since 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects, the State Governments are primarily responsible for preventing and combating the crime of human trafficking. The various steps being taken by the Union Government are:—

(i) A Central Advisory Committee (CAC) on implementation of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act (ITP) is functioning at Central level in the Ministry of Women and Child Development, which has representatives from States as well as Central Organizations and NGOs etc. The CAC holds quarterly meetings, IT(P) Act is in the process of being amended to make it more strigent against traffickers.

(ii) The Ministry of Home Affairs has set up a Nodal Cell to coordinate, matters relating to trafficking in human beings between the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and other related Ministries etc. and organize co-ordination meetings to review and sensitize Police Officers of the States/Union Territories on the subject.

(iii) The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) has prepared a training manual on "Human Trafficking Handbook for Investigators" for use in the Police Training Institutes.

(iv) BPR&D is organizing regional anti-trafficking workshops for sensitizing police personnel towards the safety and security of women. Several workshops have been held in various cities till date.

(v) The Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched on 04.12.2007 a new Scheme—UJJAWALA—a comprehensive scheme for prevention of trafficking,